

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Re: Claims Process Follow-Up

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I regret that I was unable to participate in last week's conference call, but I have been fully apprised by my staff of the discussion regarding oversight of the claims process. Although I think it would be useful for BP to implement a claimant questionnaire or other means of assessing the fairness and accessibility of the claims process, I stress the importance of providing the State Attorneys General direct access to the ESIS database to allow for our independent review and oversight. This need is particularly critical given the current lack of an independent monitor over the process. In addition, I have been advised that investigators from our Consumer Protection Division were turned away by workers at your claims center in Hancock County when they identified themselves and requested to speak with claimants regarding the process. Therefore, I am requesting that you expedite the procedure for allowing our office direct access to the database, and, in the meantime, please advise your employees in the claims centers not to impede our legitimate investigation of the claims process.

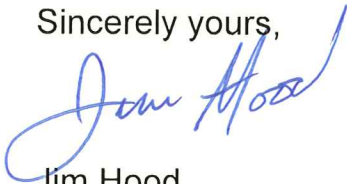
Regarding the independent monitor, I understand that you requested that we send you the names of potential candidates. In response, I suggest that you contact Ben Goren, Managing Director of FTI Consulting (312-759-8100), and Joseph Spinelli, Managing Director of Navigant Consulting (212-554-2603). Both of these firms have considerable experience in environmental and legal issues and have come highly recommended to me.

Finally, I again request BP's written agreement that it will not assert federal preemption, and will not remove to federal court or attempt to consolidate claims

asserted by the states. During our last conversation, you asked me to specify the types of claims we would anticipate asserting, in order that you might more knowledgeably consider my request. The potential claims on behalf of the State of Mississippi would include all damages recoverable under the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law, our Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, and common law causes of action such as public nuisance, strict liability, negligence, and trespass. We still hope to resolve all liability issues and recovery of clean-up costs, natural resource damages, lost revenues, and other damages related to the oil spill without the need for litigation. However, should the need arise to pursue relief in the courts on behalf of the state, I would expect BP to agree that it will not remove the case to federal court. These are clearly state law claims that Mississippi should be allowed to assert and have decided in a Mississippi state court.

I look forward to hearing from you and to continuing our coordinated efforts to resolve these issues.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Hood", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jim Hood
Attorney General